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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM
(LPFM) Broadcast Service

FCC RM-9242

Comments Of Richard Perrotta

I am writing this letter to voice my support for RM-9242. The power brokers that oppose the formation of a low power radio service cite overreaction to consolidation of the radio industry, interference, and regulatory problems. It is my view that greed and corporate interest is getting in the way of free enterprise, and more importantly, the opportunity for many voices to be heard. It is also my view that radio no longer serves the public interest, especially on a community level and a low power service would allow small businesses and communities a voice that has been lost to corporate interests, or out of financial reach.

As a licensed amateur operator, an electronic manufacturer, and concerned citizen, I urge the Commission to reject the idea of miniscule power levels that have been proposed by some. This would be an utter joke and an indirect way to unjustly squelch a potential valuable community resource. I believe you have the obligation and responsibility to "explore and

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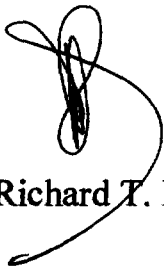
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exploit" all forms of radio communications as mandated in the Federal Communications Act of 1934. Do not let corporate agendas and high paid lobbyist fool the FCC into thinking that *they* know what serves the public interest. Formula radio is turning America into listening sheep. A low power radio service could do more for a community than a hundred corporate stations could ever hope to. Please look deeper into this issue, through the biased negativism, and consider RM-9242 an important step in preserving American democracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard T. Perrotta', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Richard T. Perrotta

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